

Suggested Resources



There are dozens and dozens of resources about Medicare Part D for both health care professionals and consumers. Here are just a few of the most popular:

- **American Association of Retired Persons**
www.aarp.org
AARP resources include basics of Medicare Part D coverage and links to information about the cost of the benefit, how the plan will work, when to apply for prescription drug coverage, how to choose and join a plan, and extra help for people with limited incomes.
- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**
www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/drugcoverage.asp
Articles in the agency's Medlearn series of articles addressing various aspects of the drug benefit. Links to Power Point training materials for health care professionals.
- **Medicare.gov**
www.medicare.gov
Information for Medicare beneficiaries, including details about the basic prescription drug coverage and extra help for people with limited incomes. Also includes consumer-oriented brochures, resources, and questions and answers.
- **Tool Kit for Professionals on Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage**
www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/provtoolkit.pdf
Includes downloadable educational materials specifically for physicians and other health care professionals and their staff to learn the basics about the Medicare prescription drug coverage. It also includes materials to distribute to their Medicare patients and reproducible artwork, a fact sheet in English and Spanish, and a list of resources. The information is designed for use by physicians and other health care professionals and their staff, partner organizations, social workers, financial counselors, and discharge planners. Users can add their logo and business information to the materials if they choose to do so.
- **American Medical Directors Association**
www.amda.com/federalaffairs/mma/
Information about various aspects of Medicare Part D, including the appeals process, implementation timeline, a summary of final regulations, and links to CMS resources, the USP model guideline on formularies, consumer-orientation sites, and various materials.
- **American Society of Consultant Pharmacists**
www.ascp.com/MedicareRx/
Information, articles, and analyses about various aspects of Medicare Part D and the Medicare Modernization Act in the association's "Drug Benefit Briefing Room."
- **Kaiser Family Foundation**
www.kff.org/medicare/rxdrugbenefit.cfm#key%20-%20overview
Variety of materials including an overview of the MMA and prescription drug benefit, low income beneficiaries and the drug benefit, discount cards, Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans, and public opinion on the new law.
- **Patient Advocate Foundation**
www.patientadvocate.org/index.php?p=299
Includes a brochure, "The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003's Prescription Drug Coverage through Part D," and questions and answers.
- **Medicare Drug Benefit Calculator**
www.kff.org/medicare/rxdrugcalculator.cfm
Calculator to help consumers enter their prescription drug costs to determine what they will pay under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.